What is Being Done by the Veterans for the Good of the Order.

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN. The Commander-in-Chief Issues General Or-

ders, No. 3, from National Headquarters. BEADQ'ES GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, ] ROCK FORD, ILL., Oct. 26, 1894. General Orders, No. 3. The following appointments on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby announced:

Chief of Staff-Henry M. Nevius, Red Bank, To be Aids-de-Camp: Keutucky-Wm. M. Collins, Louisville; A. S. Anderson, Hopkinsville; Andrew Offat, Leba-

non; J. D. Walsh, Maysville; John M. Williamson, Paducah; P. W. Hager, Louisville; W. B. Rody, Tompkinsville. Montana-Maj. S. H. Almon, Butte.

New Mexico-T. W. Collier, Raton. New York-E. L. Zalinski, Century Club. New York (Special And on Minitary Instruc-Troy; A. W. Moore, Rochester; John T. Nes-Mills; Geo. M. Post, Hayana; Theo. F. Reed, Spring Valley; Thomas W. Rockett, Franklin square, New York; Chas. A. Shaw, Brooklyn; C. H. Stevens, Sing Sing; E. G. Tuckerman, 415 Broadway, New York; David W. Wilson, Brooklyn; Henry J. Bartlett, 200 Louis street, New York; John H. Cook, New York; John lyn; William Kemble, Brooklyn; Thos, H. C. Liberty street, New York; Thomas Oliver, Yonkers: David A. Pitcher, Brooklyn; B. York : C. K. Sanders, Nunda ; Roll't R. Seeley, Beltast; John L. Shepard, Brooklyn; Doctor Tarbell, Ithaca; Charles T. Vollers, New York; Geo. W. Walton, New York,

North Dakota-E. C. Graham, Cummings; E. Tibbills, Bismarck; P. La Tourette, Peters-

Ohio-Josiah B. Allen, Athens; J. C. Gordon, Mr. Vernon; H. Clay Hoff, Miamisburg; J. S. Mason, Medina; Edward T. Petty, Barnesville; Wm. H. Surles, East Liverpool; S. W. Bishop, Greenville; H. H. Hatch, Middleton; Jacob G, Kucpper, Gilbox; John T. McNeal, Marion; Geo. Will Schachleiter, Ironton; Wm. C. Tingle, Columbus Grove. Oregon-M. A. Baker, Weston; John E. Peterson, Grant's Pass; R. W. Lundy, Myrtle

Point; Thos. Prothero, La Grande, South Dakota-J. L. Jalley, Vermillion; M. V. B. Scribner, Greton; O. C. Wing, Brookings; Philip Lawrence, Pierre; A. M. Willard, Texas-Fred C. Loring, San Antonio; E. L.

Vermont-Gen, W. Kenney, Rutland; Hiland H. Hicks, Perkinsville; Geo, W. Drown, Barre; Elbert H. Nye, Newport; Charles W. Haskell, Gratton: William Smith, Burlington: William

W. Foster, Barron Landing. Richard Robertson, Wheeling; Jas. S. Watson, Morgantowe; C. R. Lavalley, Huntington; S. F. Shaw, Parkersburg.

The Commander-in-Chief desires that appointments on staff should be considered by the comrades something more than a sinceure, in all work for the upbuilding of the Order. The following committee is appointed to revise and simplify blanks now to use for Departments and Posts reports: James F. Meech, Lynn, Mass.; J. H. Golding, Brattlebore, Vt.; J. M. Vanderslice, Philadelphia, Pa. James F. Meech is hereby designated as Chair-

The following committee is appointed for tion of the charges made against Phil Kearny Post, 5, Richmond, Va.: John C. Linchan, Pena cook, N. H.; Albert C. Sholes, Macon, Ga.; W. R. Manning, Newton, lowa.

J. C. Linchan is hereby designated as Chair-The committee to whom was referred the address of Past Commander-in-Chief J. G. B. Adams respectfully recommended that the Commander-in-Chief to be elected appoint the suggested committee in relation to the publication of Volunteer Records. In compliance with the foregoing the Commander-in-Chief hereby appoints the following Committee on City. Me John S. Kountz, Toledo, O.; Lucius Fairchild Madison, Wis.

Wm. Warner is hereby designated as Chair-Capt, E. L. Zalinski, of New York, N. Y., is hereby appointed Special Aid in Charge of Military Instruction in Public Schools, with power to select in each Department one comrade, whose duty it will be to have charge of this work in his Department under the direction of Comrade Zaliuski. Comrades thus sein-Chief for appointment as Aid-de-Camp.

is called to the matter of inspection. See to it every Post in your Department. The attention of Department Commanders is once more called to Paragraph 5, General

appointments as Aid-de-Camp. Up to the time of issuance of General Orders. No. 3, but 10 Departments have responded. Republic. The Commander-in-Chief of the a great favor upon us by writing us what they Sons of Veterans requests that this be promul- know of the death of the comrades. gated by Department Commanders and instructing that it be read at Post meetings in

the address will be read as requested. Especial attention of Chaplains of Posts is called in filling out their blanks to the Chap- inl. lain-in-Chief. Please answer all questions and make full and prompt report to Rev. T. H. Hagerty, 1909 North Grand avenue, St. Louis,

The 28th National Encampment adopted the following amendment to the Rules and Regulations. So much of the amendment offered by the Department of Massachusetts to Chapter 5, Article 4, Section 4, referring to reinstate- Commander Brown. Department Commander ment of comrades was adopted as follows: "A comrade may be reinstated in the Post

from which he was dropped by making a rades present were Past Department Comwritten statement to that effect, and on receiv- mander E. A. Blodgett, Comrade James Donaing a majority vote of those present at any regular meeting upon payment of one year's | Dustin Post, The War Department Library, under the

supervisory charge of Gen. A. W. Greely, who served as an enlisted man in the volunteer Grand Army of the Republic.

The library will thankfully receive and MICHIGAN .promptly acknowledge any military works that may be donated to it, and will, upon application, send return penalty-envelopes by out cost, to the library of the War Department, Washington, D. C.

It is especially desired to obtain reports of Reunions, rosters of the G.A.R. Posts, and bioby participants in the late war, must eventually be of great value to historical students. Chas. W. Gerrig, member of Council of Administration, and also Executive Committee of

Council of Administration, should read Charles W. Gerwig. Charles M. Husted, member of Council of

Administration from Department of Peromac, should read Gilbert M. Husted. The address of C. V. R. Pond, Inspector-

General, is changed to Lausing, Mich. The Commander-in-Chief in sorrow announces the death or Comrade George B. Creamer, Past unior Vice Commander-in-Chief, who died at his home, Eutaw Place, Baltimore, Md., Sept. 16, and was buried in Greenmount Cemetery on the 19th of same month. Comrade George B Creamer was born in Albany, N. Y., in 1843. he enlisted as a private in Co. C, 10th Md., June 1, 1863, and was discharged as First Sergeant, Co. B same regiment, May 16, 1864. On Feb. 17, 1879, he was mustered in Wilson Post, 1. of this Department. He was elected and served as Commander for the year 1882; was

spect to the memory of our deceased comrade, THE while on duty will wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days from date of this order. By command of THOMAS G. LAWLER, Com-

mander-in-Chief. C. C. Jones, Adjutant-General.

USED POST STATIONERY. John A. Clark, 13th Ill., Court-Martialed and Dishonorably Discharged from Grant

Post for Swindling Comrades. A court-martial of J. A. Clark, a member of Grant Post, 1, G.A.R., at Oklahoma City, Okla., | PORTRAIT OF COL. BALCH-THE FLAG CRUresulted in his conviction on several charges

and specifications, viz: "Conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline," in using the official stationery of the Post and his position as Adjutant to secure | to teach patriotism in the public schools. A confidence in a scheme to inveigle money out | woman who is a Quaker writes that she favors of old soldiers by a pretense of making filings for them on lands in the Cherokee Strip. "Commission of a scandalous and criminal

offense against the laws of the land," in that the said John A. Clark, as a member of said Post, did, in the years of 1892 and 1893, send | brace a military drill. Still another inquires | prosperous." abroad into Texas, Indiana, and other portions of the United States, circular letters, pledges, from the public schools, and if it would stir up agreements, guarantees, etc., under the em- religious antagonisms. tion in Schools); Nicholas H. Babcock, New | blems, devices, color, stamp, and insignia of the York; John H. Burleigh, Binghamton; Hen- | noble Order of the G and Army of the Republic. ry P. Butler, 120 Broadway, New York; H. B. by which means he caused numerous comrades Fitch, Rome; Edmond Hendricks, 10 East or other old soldiers to send to him moneys in the Woman's Relief Corps. Forty-fourth street, New York; John Lust, amounts from \$12 to \$27 each, under a dulysigned agreement with each one that the money bitt, New York; Adelbert Perry, Washington | was to be intrusted with him, to be held for payment of services as attorney in the work of making soldiers' declaratory filings for homestead rights on 160 acres of land for each of the said soldiers with whom such agreement was made, or to refund the said moneys upon failure so to do; and that the said Clark, having made the foregoing specified agreements, did not Conway, Jamestown; Allen S. Heath, Brook- make the stipulated filings nor return the moneys, but utterly ignored the requests of Kinkaid, New York; William T. Magee, 148 his victims to return said moneys; and that the finding, from the evidence, of the physical impossibility of the said Clark to fulfill said Frank Raze, Buffalo; Adolph Reiman, New agreements, the original receiving of said moneys was, by intention and action, plainly evident of a design on the part of said Clark to obtain said moneys from the said old soldiers on pretenses wholly without any foundation in

> law, and therefore false. "Disobedience of lawful orders of the Post in atterly and repeatedly ignoring summonses of the Post to appear and answer the complaints of old soldiers with whom he had broken agreements in the aforesaid land-filing matters, and in nowise offering to satisfy said complaints, thereby increasing the stigma of dishonor and criminality which he had already thrown upon the Post by the apparent indorsement by the Post of the methods of said Clark in obtaining money from old comrades under

false pretenses and promises. Among the old soldiers who claim to be victimized by Clark are: George S. Brown, Jacksboro, Tex.; W. H. Robbins, Dennison, Tex.; Edwin Harter, Michael Robinson, James Ind. The other witnesses are H. H. Black, to superiors, to be proud of their homes, their Witness, Denison; W. H. Robinson, San An- Alonzo Ketchum, C. A. Calhoun, O. H. Hill, G. D. Munger, Oklahoma City, Okla. Ter., members of Grant Post,

The finding of the court was "Guilty to each charge and each specification," and the sentence, "Dishonorable discharge from the Grand Army of the Republic," Testimony indicated that West Virginia-R. W. Hall, Moundsville; the moneys thus obtained by Clark amounted to about \$1,600 or more. At a single town in Texas one comrade alleged that he and 20 others paid Clark \$27 each, or \$567. By order of Grant Post, 1, G.A.R., Department of Oklahoma. J. W. EVARTS, Adjutant.

and to this end he asks the hearty co-operation | FROM THE POTTERS' FIELD. Emery Post, 198, Reinters a Number of

Soldiers-Decorating Their Graves. I noticed in a recent G.A.R. report mention of soldiers as being buried in paupers' ground, How can this be allowed to get into a report? Emery Post, 198, Department of Illinois, set a good example in this regard. The Post is in Buda, III.; but 15 members live in Wyanet, the purpose of making a thorough investiga- One officer, Junior Vice Commander, is given to Wyanet. When the present Junior Vice Commander took his position he went to the sexton of the cemetery to get a list of names of soldiers in the yard, to have a list read on the next Memorial Day. For years May 30 had been celebrated but no names called, so that no one knew for whom we decorated nor the record of the dead.

He found some in almost unknown graves, and three men in paupers' ground. He at once reported to his 15 comrades, and with their aid got up a Campfire to raise money; circulated a petition to town officers to sell us, for a nominal sum, a lot. Result, we own two pretty lots, Volunteer Records: William Warner, Kansas known as G.A.R. lots, and which are being improved and beautified as we are able, and upon a Spring morning three years ago the Junior detailed a dozen of the comrades, and with material and tools we repaired to the cemetery, and moved from the paupers' ground to G.A.R. lot Jacob Walters, Co. C, 66th Hl.; Chas, Mudge, Co. F. 151st Ill., and Isaac Fradenburg, Co. C. 75th III. Then we sent to Washington and obtained headstones for two of these comrades, and two others who, although in private lots, were un-

record of all is read every year. The attention of Department Commanders Among our dead heroes are Henry Weaver, that proper blanks (Form H) are supplied to wounded at Donelson Feb. 15, 1862, and John Montgomery, Co. C. 93d Ill., mortally wounded Orders, No. 2, requesting recommendations for | 24th year, lay all night, unaided, upon the ground. Each suffered a loss of a limb by amputation, and each gave his young life to save our country. A record of those who went from Department Commanders will in due course | Wyanet is being made, and members of Co. C, of time receive from the Sons of Veterans, U. 2d Iowa, who knew of Weaver, and of Co. C, S. A., an address to the Grand Army of the | 93d Ili., who knew of Montgomery, will confer

Also, we would very much like to hear from comrades of the 7th Kan, Cav., Co. Despecially, their several Departments. The Commander- as to the death of Daniel Holmes, Athert Boss, in-Chief approves of the foregoing and trusts Milt Triplett, Nate Hinsdale, and El. Butts. All these lie in unknown graves-we only know they were killed .- C. A. Howe, Co. G. 139th

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

ILLINOIS .-Washington Post, 573, was presented with a beautiful stand of colors by F. M. Atwood on behalf of the citizens of Lake View. The flag was accepted by Commander Kohn and Past McDowell then took the floor and addressed the small army of comrades. Among the com-

MASSACHUSETTS .-Garfield Post, Lowell, celebrated its 13th anniversary with an entertainment and Camparmy, is endeavoring to accumulate all litera- fire the other evening. All the Posts and ture pertaining to the civil war, and to this Corps in the city were represented. The Senior end especially asks the co-operation of the Vice Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant-General were present.

On Oct. 17, Col. R. B. Hughes, Aid-de-Camp on Department Commander's staff, assisted by Comrades F. O. Vandersluis, Edgar Pierce, W. which such publications can be mailed, with- A. Whitney, David Burns, and R. E. Cole, all of Andrews Post, Big Rapida, Mich., organized Austin Blair Post, 128, of Hawkins, and installedthe following-named comrades as officers of the Post: Com., D. J. Zook; S. V. C., Spencer graphical sketches of Union soldiers, and, in Fradenburg; J. V. C., A. J. Forsyth; Adj't, short, all ephemeral literature which, written | Martin Davis; Surg., Henry Heissong; Chap., T. M. Ball; Q. M., W. H. Remington; O. D., A. I. Wightman; O. G., C. Cook; S. M., J. Ackerman: Q. M. S., C. F. Parker. The Post starts in a healthy condition. The old soldiers are wide awake in this vicinity, and the prospects

Camp of Sons of Veteraus. NEBRASKA .-J. S. Frank: Kenesaw is a live little town in R. We are still at the front, though we have suffered much from frost, hot winds and the lack of rain, but don't intend to retreat even if | the success of the girls' school. we have only hardrack this Winter. The officers of Mathias Post, 155, are: Com., B. F. Schlegel; S. V. C., E. L. Moon; J. V. C., D. H. Godfrey; Adj't, I. A. Matlick; Q. M., H. Daily; Surg., J. Williams; Chap., O. H. Wright; O. D. Michael Wenner; O. G., Mordecai Hensley; S.

M., L. C. Lukens; Q. M. S., Henry Shick. FREE TO INVALID LADIES. A safe, simple home treatment that cured me elected Junior Vice 'ommander-in Chief at the sfter years of suffering with uterine troubles, 24th National Encampment, G.A.R., which po- displacements, leucorrhœs, etc., sent free to sition he filled with credit to himself and ladies with full instructions how to use it. Adhonor to the National body. As a mark of re- dress Mrs. D. L. Orme, South Bend, Ind.

Gleanings from National Headquarters--- Notes from Departments.

THE FLAG SALUTE.

A Broadly American Movement to Teach Patriotism and Unite Sections, Nationalitles and Religions.

BADE.

From many sources come inquiries as to the intent of the flag salute, and the movement the movement provided, it is not of a military

character. Another, a member of the National W. C. T. U., if it is a movement to exclude foreign children

It is proper to say that none of the many inquirers have been readers of THE NATIONAL

First, then, the flag salute, as advocated by the G.A.R. and W.R.C., is not a military salute. as this great movement proclaims peace, not tion, not fight it. It is no new sentimental fad, that means nothing but show. It is the | them up. elevation of the flag as an emblem of free selfgovernment. It has been practically tested for seven or eight years in the free kindergartens | diers and Sailors' Home, Sandusky, and hope little American citizens of seven or eight in a similar manner, nationalities assembled in those schools has led to its adoption elsewhere.

Second, the movement is broadly American; it would unite, not drive asunder, the several sections, nationalities, and religious of our great common country. As Col. Balch, the originator, who died last May with the harness

on, expressed it: "A citizen, therefore, may be of any color, may be born in any country, may be a Christian, a Hebrew, a Mahometan, a Confucian, an infidel; so long as he obeys the laws, no matter what his color, his nationality or his religion, he is entitled to all the rights that eitizeuship confers, \* \* Every little boy or girl, born in this country, or if born in any other country, whose parents are naturalized, is a little American citizen who is learning every day how to. be a big citizen. There are more than 17,000,000 of such little citizens between the ages of three and 15 in the United States."

Third, with the flag salute a cole of rules is given, to be punctual at school, to come with clean faces, hands and clothes; to be orderly and keep everything in its place; to be attentive, good-tempered, cheerful, courageous; to H. Rogers and Harvey H. Miller, Huntington, tell the truth. They are taught their duties schools, their country. They are taught what this country does for them and what they must do in return; and that love to country is only

next to love to God. And once a year the ballot-box is placed in the school and the children vote whether they will continue the flag salute. A system of election returns, complete, tells the story of the children's love for the flag. The great reward the children have in mind is that each hopes that some time he or she, as a mark of good behavior, may hold the flag, while the children

The flag salute wherever inaugurated has been the means of great good in school government, It meets a want in the school routine, and children who salute the flag every morning are awake for all day.

The words of the sainte are: We give our heads and our hearts to God and

our country! One country! One language! One flag ! Fourth, the flag salute and compilation of the patriotic primer was not accidental, or the late Col. George T. Balch, Auditor of the Schools of New York City, while on a tour of hordes of young foreigners growing up without | once. any knowledge of the laws by which we are governed. Through his influence a flag was the flug is saluted every morning the children are taught that it is the symbol of the Nation; Sold the quilt and got \$14, and paid out \$12 in

that it stands for home, and school, and country." relief. Let us hear from other Corps. In the patriotic primer they are taught that the United States is a democracy; that the people govern; that before the law all are equal, A chart of the Declaration of Independence is placed in every school-room and fully explained | Reverence for the Starry Symbol of Liberty

to the children. The elements of constitutional government are taught, with a brief history of the constitution, of the Revolutionary war, to found a Union, and of the civil war to preserve it. They define citizenship, the naturalization of foreigners, the use of the ballot; they are taught that self-government and that obedience to authority in children leads to good and useful citizenmarked, so that now every soldier in Forest | ship; that they must respect the rights and lected will be recommended to the Commander- Hill Cemetery is properly marked, and the opinions of others, no matter what their color, race, religion, or birth-place; that they all are a part of the great American Republic, which Co. C. 2d Iowa, filth color guard to fail tatally stands for the qual rights of all before the law. COL. GEORGE T. BALCH.

Just before his sudden death last Spring Col. at Allatoona, Ga., in 1864. Each of these George T. Balch promised his photograph to boys, one in his 21st and the other in his illustrate an article he was preparing for THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, taken for this purpose.



COL. GEORGE T. BALCH,

Although the loyal brain that planned and the loyal band that penned are cold in death, yet American citizens, he still lives and moves and has his being. Among the noblest benefactors and defenders of his country Col. Balch is destined to take an

enduring place. AMERICAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE. Maj. Edson Gerry, of the 12th Pa. Cav., whose present address is New Whatcom, Wash., was circulating an educational bill, prepared by him, at the Pittsburg Encampment, which is now pending in the United States Senate,

which is unique in its provisions. This bill was introduced by Senator Squire, and being twice read was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor. It provides for a Congressional loan of \$1,000,000 for the term of 20 years, the interest to be applied for the support of a college for the education of the daughters of soldiers and sailors who served in the armies and navies of the United States and the late Confederate States. The bill requires the donation by the State of Washington to the college of all the lands that were donated to the State under the educational act are favorable for both a Relief Corps and a for the purposes of farming, gardening, and

building. It is proposed to give the girls the best literary, scientific, and practical instruction, in-Adams County, Neb., a junction on B. & M. R. | cluding cookery, dress-making, and floriof veterans is provided for, conditional upon

The 70th section provides for a memorial tablet from each State, to be placed in the sachusetts, and it is believed the cause in westwalls of the Memorial College; also, of George | ern Massachusetts will be greatly strengthened Washington, for whom the great State of Wash- | thereby. ington is named, and of Abraham Lincoln, father and defender of the Union.

The American Memorial College is a stnments of the bill was patriotic teaching and | money.

the flag salute. TRINITY OF AMERICAN PATRIOTISM. contest in the last New York Legislature of the Lawson bill, which was passed but vetoed by of foreign flags on public buildings of the ette.

"The growth of devotion to American institutions is conveyed in the sentiment 'One country-one flag.' The American flag covers all. Under its folds the oppressed of all nations should gather to give expression to patriotic feelings. The work of Americanizing newcomers can be made more rapidly if the newcomers are made to feel that here is their future home. All allegiance to other Governments is transferred, all dependence is centered here, all expectation of tuture prosperity, all hope of future rewards are here on American soil. The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the flag of the Union are the trinity of American patriotism. There is nothing nobler under the sun-nothing that means more to the poor man and nothfavors the movement, provided it does not em- | ing more glorious for those who are rich and

FORSYTH CORPS AND THE FLAG. Forsyth Relief Corps, No. 1, Toledo, O., have arranged to have Augustus Bedford, of Boston, to lecture on the American flag for the benefit of the relief fund. S. Alice Richardson, Presi-TRIBUNE, though all, save one, are members of | dent of Forsyth Corps, has been made Chairman of the Department Committee on Teaching Patriotism in the Schools,

The Relief Committee having called for 15 comforters for distribution among soldiers' war; it would assimilate our foreign popula- families under their care, an all-day quilting bee and lunch was held this week to make Next week the Home and Employment Com-

mittee will ship a box of fruit to the Ohio Sol-

of New York City, where its success in making | to remember the National Relief Corps Home A Christmas market is under way to meet the many calls upon the Corps, which are always promptly met.

VALUE OF A RELIEF CORPS. More and more comrades of the Grand Army, especially those in official ranks and thus permitted to take a survey of the whole situation, are commending the Woman's Relief Corps. At the last Colorado Encampment Commander Kennedy, in his annual address, said: 'To-day we realize more than ever the value of woman's assistance to our Order. Daring the past year I have noticed that wherever there is a vigorous Woman's Relief Corps there is also a live, active Post. Not a Post in the Department having an active Relief Corps is delinquent in dues, or indifferent to the welfare of itself or of our organization."

Commander Harlan, of Illinois, would have all women unite under the Relief Corps banner. He said in his annual address: "The W.R.C. is a power in the land. Its efforts in behalf of our comrades cannot be too highly commended. All along the lines the women of our State are interesting themselves to care for and comfort the charity of a heedless world, \* \* \* I | verse only. may be pardoned, the one word regret-regret that there is more than one association engaged in this great undertaking. In union there is strength. There is but one Grand Army of the Republic. There should be but one organization of the women."

A HELPER INDEED.

The word auxiliary, from the Latin auxiliarius, means a belper, an assistant, and such indeed is the W.R.C. to the G.A.R. The following is a bright Autumnal picture of what certain women of Michigan are doing for the brave men whose cause tiley serve:

NORTH MUSKEGON, Mich., October, 1894. DEAR TRIBUNE: Reading in THE NATION-AL TRIBUNE that our Michigan correspondent wanted our Corps to let each other know what was being done for the Post to which they are anxiliary, I thought it would be well to speak for Corps 12.

First, I would say that our Corps members are faithful in attendance, although some come outgrowth of theory, or mere sentiment. The a distance of eight miles to meeting, the President walking five miles to every meeting, and has been absent but three times in six years. inspection among the schools, become con- Our Treasurer has not been absent once in the vinced of the necessity of amalgamating the same length of time, and our Secretary only

In the month of September we had two husking bees, and husked over 100 bushels of corn placed in every free kindergarten, and when | for comrades of the Post; had three surprise | results in this grand work. parties, one quilting party, and two socials. Nellie Sprague, President.

PATRIOTIC MICHIGAN.

Enjoined.

DEAR TRIBUNE: Michigan is fully alive to passed the expectations of all. The third District Convention was presided

over by Past Department President Cornelia S. Perry, President of the District. The Sessions were very profitable, and formally voted a de-Worth Relief Corps, assisted by the Post and

citizens of Tekonsha, arranged and carried out a magnificent reception and entertainment for their guests. A splendid luncheon was served and a beautiful souvenir badge provided. The Corps of Quincy, Sturgis, Coldwater, Marshall, and Union City were represented, The ninth Convention was held at Bay City,

with 54 delegates from 11 Corps and many visitors in attendance. Past Department President Allaseba M. Bliss and Chairman of the Executive Committee Mina D. Kinsey were among those present. Laura C. Merrill, of H. P. Merrill Corps, gave un to routine work, District President Emma E.

Henson in the chair, and in the afternoon Merrill Corps exemplified the ritual. Dinner and supper were served by the Corps. The evening Campfire was enjoyable, Laura C. Merrill presiding and Past Department President Bliss among the speakers. Comrades of H. P. Merrill and U. S. Grant Posts participated

in the patriotic program.

Ninth District Convention voted to take the four cents per member, ordered by 12th National Convention, for the support of the National Relief Corps Home, from the Corps fund, instead of resorting to individual collections. Patriotic teaching was considered, and the following resolution unanimously adopted: Resolved, That we urge upon the Department of Michigan, W.R.C., the adoption of recommendations to the local Corps throughout the State, that in the hearts of hundreds of thousands of his they procure the observance of some form of salute Committee, whose decorations of the stage at hue, Lyons Post, and Comrade H. E. Gerry, comrades and his countrymen, and, even more, to the American flag in the morning exercises of in the affections of thousands of dawning our public schools, to aid in inculcating the sentits of honor and reverence for the starry sym-

bol of our liberties, and of encouraging a study of | tion, Decatur, was so much admired. the grand principles of true patriotism. Michigan will do her part in the greateducational crusade for the flag now going on.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK. Department Treasurer Elizabeth B. Smith. of New York, reports that the quarterly auditing of accounts showed a very gratifying state of things in the Empire State, under the able administration of Department President Kate

The Department purchased more largely of supplies from the National Treasurer than any other, and yet there were no debts and a fine balance in the Treasury. New York Corps responded to every call, Department and National, and the largest donation to the relief fund was from New York. DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

A correspondent reports the Department of

Massachusetts in good condition, with loyalty,

harmony, and economy strenuously taught and | Board of Trustees. practiced by Department President Burleigh and her associates. The Fall inspections out of the way, the Corps will enter upon another vigorous Winter | Greenlawn Cemetery has been set apart for culture. The founding of a school for the sons | campaign, earning money and disbursing it in | their burial, so they will never be consigned to relief. An event looked forward to with much the potter's field. It is beautifully situated, recruits properly and impressively, and so they interest is the Department Convention at and has a capacity of 150 graves. Springfield. This is a new departure for Mas-

There is a movement looking to a change of permanent W.R.C. Headquarters in Boston to the place of residence of the Department Presipendous enterprise on paper, and would be a | dent, whoever she shall be, as it is thought this bigger thing still if one of the minute require- | would be a great saving in strength, time, and

SECOND INDIANA DISTRICT. forget the song," is a world-old truth reduced | bracing the Counties of Howard, Miami, Cass, | of her father.

to a maxim. But it is none the less a matter | Clinton, Carroll, Tippecanoe, White, Benton, of regret that to sentiments so fine as the fol- Jasper, Newton, and Warren, with Corps at lowing, which have been passing around among | Kokomo, Greentown, Russiaville, Walton, Lothe newspapers of the country, no authorship | gansport, Delphi, Flora, Camden, Pittsburg, is affixed. They were the outgrowth of the Frankfort, Stockwell, Clark's Hill, Veedersburg, Goodland, Fowler, Rensselaer, Star City, Winamac, Peru, Bunker Hill, Rossville, Col-Gov. Flower, and which prohibited the display | fax, West Lebanon, Crawfordsville, and Lafay-

District President Anna Tevells, of Logansport, presided, and Past President Julia S. Conklin and Eliza J. Crisler, Chairman of the National Committee on Patriotic Teaching and Department Committee, respectively, were present and addressed the Convention. The attendance was large, the meeting enthusiastic, and a rousing Campfire was held in the evening, with comrades of the G.A.R. participating.

BOUTH DAKOTA AT WORK.

DEAR TRIBUNE: Col. Ellsworth Corps, 50, Lenox, sent to Department Convention just such a delegation as would return to their homes full of enthusiasm. Ophelia Barclay, Corresponding Secretary, reports their Corps in good working order; five new members. An ice cream social netted them over \$12, enabling them to subscribe for a daily paper for the Soldiers' Home, Hot Springs, and add to the wheel chair fund. Past Department President Lura E. Holmes

writes: John A. Rawlins Corps, 6, Plankinton, entertained their friends at the Opera House with a "Poverty Social." The program, herewith given for the use of others, was printed on strips of brown wrapping paper, and set forth the following attractions. Net proceeds, Carrie M. Cleveland, Department Correspond-

ing Secretary. POVERTY PARTY. (Ruls ov Regulashuns an Prowgram.) I. ever wumon wat kums must were a kaliker dres an apern the be appropriate. II. know gent with a bild shurt and dood

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finds fur men. blacked butes, 1 cent, segars in pocket 1 cent, watches 1 cent, chawin gumb 5 cents, standin up koller 5 cents, buttun hol bokay 5 cents, obeyed accordingly. creased trousers 2 cents, spoonin, makin sheap eyes an actin up 10 cents each.

Quackinboss.

brown bred, biskets, twisted downuts, jinjer bred, baked benes, pickels, molasses, kake and koffy. this is the prowgram, komposed with grate

kare an panes. yellocatin, speakin peaces, an singin songs, imported premordoners from germeny, spane, portigal, chilly an all outstandin town ships, the declining years of the comrades and to graduates from 13 story skool houses back in smooth the rough places for those near and the states, and all to konklude with every dear to them who have been left to want and | body jinin in my country Tis of Thee, one

grown up adults, the little children will not be He is of fair complexion, with sandy mustache; nothin. jest wipe there deer little knoses and bring um along.

cum 1 cum all. given to the most destreast lookin man indi- | Company. Be on the lookout for him; he is vidual, also the woman what look ekelly as bad, all to knmense at early candle lite. DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Plymonth, and 136, Whitman, have recently | visions. held sales to increase their funds for the Winter's work.

Corps 9, Charlestown, and 159, East Douglas, have held pleasant anniversaries. Corps 39, Charlestown; 79, Brighton; 88, Whitinsville; 110, Randolph, and 149, Lee, have been very successful in holding enter- sary, therefore, to issue the following instructainments, and 135, South Hadley Falls, is holding a series of socials.

Corps 69, Wakefield, entertained the Department officers of the G.A.R. and W.R.C. and others. It was a delightful affair, and the United States Army, with braid and black but Corps is to be commended. "All work and no | tons concealed thereby. This includes all the play" is oftentimes productive of poor results, and an occasional social, when we can talk over the paths already trod, gives fresh inspira- as well as the Captains and First and Second tion and renewed zeal to accomplish greater | Lieutenants of uniformed Camps,

Hartie A. Bray, Department Corresponding Secretary, Lynn, Mass.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MILLER. Flo Jamison Miller, Past National Inspector and editor of the National Picket, known far and wide as "the silver-tongued orator of the Woman's Relief Corps," has been elected and installed to succeed National President Emma R. Wallace, resigned as Department President of Illinios. She will carry on the work with the National and Department work in every ability and enthusiasm of her able predecessor. detail. District Conventions have been well Julia G. Sine has been reappointed Departattended and helpful. The experiment has ment Counselor and Mary Peck Thiel Department Inspector.

ALL ALONG THE LINE. The seven deaths of Army Nurses reported by Secretary Pluma L. Cowles at the 12th National Convention embraced those outside the

Home, as per order of the Board. Alice Ruth Moore, who accompanied Department President Lewis, of Louisiana, and party to National Convention, has a glowing account of the Pittsburg Encampment and its attendant pleasures in the Journal of the Lodge of New Orleans.

Julia S. Conklin, Chairman of the National Committee on Patriotic Teaching, W.R.C., in a report of National Encampment, gives utterance to the following fine sentiment: "From the folds of the Stars and Stripes, which floated from almost every house-top, there seemed a silent voice proclaiming, 'We a warm welcome; response by Department Pres- | give our heads and our hearts to God and our ident Bliss. The morning session was given | country,' while every breeze whispered back, One country, one language, one flag,"

The Ninth District, Department of Michigan, W.R.C., held a fine Convention at Bay City, representatives of 23 Corps in attendance. Address of welcome, by May S. Knaggs; exemplification of ritual, by H. P. Merrill Corps; inspected by M. Jennie Carpenter, Saginaw. A grand Campfire at night, the Grand Army joining in the festivities.

In all 16,834 soldiers' children have been admitted to the Orphans' Homes of Pennsylvania, The State has under its care at the present time 2,000 children, divided among 15 institutions. The largest appropriation ever made was in 1876, when the amount was \$530,000, and at the close of the school year, May, 1871, there were 3,607 children upon the rolls.

Past Department Secretary Effie R. Kennedy. of Illinois, was Chairman of the Decoration the Opera House at the time of the fourth annual Reunion of the Ohio Veteran Associa

Hannah U. Maxon, and her school at Gallipolis, O., gave an entertainment for the benefit of David McQuaid, a teamster in the army, Mary A. Keeler, Department Corresponding blind, and with but one leg, who, through some Secretary, Saginaw, Mich. sion for injuries sustained in the service. He lived with his family in a leaky old dwelling, with the rain pouring down upon them in wet weather. Thanks to the women who labored so untiringly for the soldiers when Gallipolis was a great war camp, the poor old man has been made comfortable.

Past Department Treasurer Harriette L Reed, of Massachusetts, has presented Department Headquarters with a fine picture of the National Relief Corps Home. The first biennial report of the Illinois State

Home for Juvenile Female Offenders, of which Past National President Margaret Ray Wickins is Superintendent, ontlines an important work begun, and a work of stupendous proportions outlined for the future. National President Emma R. Wallace is President of the

Through the influence of Dr. Dudley, Salem, Mass., always interested in the widows and orphans of his unfortunate comrades, a lot at

Battleflag of the 7th Mass.

The battleflag of the 7th Mass., which had since the war, was restored to the custody of the State the other day by Mrs. Ferguson, daughter of Col. Kurtz. Gov. Greenhalge accepted the flag, which will be placed in Dorice Hall with the other State battleflags. It was supposed that the flag was lost until

a few days ago, when its location became known. The Second District Convention, Department Mrs. Ferguson states that no member of the

News from Various Divisions-Election of Officers, etc.

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN Commander-in-Chief Bundy Issues General

Regulations-Select Good Captains. HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF. ROOMS 211-212 LINCOLN INN COURT, CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 25, 1894.

General Orders, No. 7. ! Series of 1894. The new edition of the C., R. and R., as amended by the Commandery-in-Chief at the Davenport Encampment, is now in the hands

of the Quartermaster-General and ready for distribution. On recommendation of the Commanders, the charters of the following Camps are hereby annulled and declared forfeited: Admiral Farragut Camp. 1, St. Louis, Mo.; W. T. Sherman | KENTUCKY. Camp, 19, Macon, Mo.; Gen. W. H. P. Steece Camp. 16. Olnevville, R. I. These Camps are

and per capita tax. The Commander-in-Chief at the Davenport | Divisions of our Order as a wide-awake, hus-Encampment ordered the old Blue Book to be | tling Division. abolished, and directed the compilation of a new one. Until the new one is published, Camp pack- s will contain no copy of the book. upon Mustering Officers the importance of ex-

pliance with this request will save National | this circular letter, aided by the change in the koller is aloud tu cum, onles he pais a find ov Headquarters much annovance. mander of the Division of Massachusetts was about the most satisfactory results. Numerous received at these Headquarters Sept. 6. The letters of inquiry, applications for charters, resignation was accepted Sept. 7, Col. Blaisdell | etc., have been received at these Headquarters, having qualified as Inspector-General, and the | and new Camps will be mustered as soon as Division Council of Massachusetts was ordered | the necessary arrangements can be made; and to convene for the purpose of choosing his suc- | we hope to be present at the next National cessor. The Council met Oct. 6 and elected | Encampment in great shape, Daniel F. Goulding, who was duly installed as

all peymunts two be rendered by Owl Jege the same will be ready for distribution not Evans and staff were present both nights. The later than Jan. 1, 1895, at which time it receipts from this and previous entertainments new ritual will be furnished, without cost which is already armed. It will be equipped or requisition, to each Camp in good standing, as infantry. The contract for uniforms has forward old rituals to Division Headquarters. | nati, O .- ELISWORTH YATES, Division Corre-Upon receipt of same, Division Commanders | spondent, Augusta, Ky.

will immediately transmit new rituals to Camp | NEW YORK. Captains. Division Adjutants and Quartermasters are earnestly requested to forward their quarterly reports at the earliest date possible.

Members of the Order are warned against one Frank R. McKenna, who represents himself as a Past Captain of Camp 1, Division of you will hav tu pay 5 cents at the dor fur New York. His hight is five feet nine inches. wears a black worsted suit, and has a peculiar habit of nervously moving his head. He claims to be a surveyor in the employ of the P. S -- a valuble emblermatick prise will be New York Central & Hudson River Railroad an impostor. At present he is supposed to be in the New England States.

Tabular reports, except totals and recapitulations, need be read by First Sergeants only DEAR TRIBUNE: Corps 36, Shrewsbury; 124, so far as they apply to their respective Di-Many inquiries have come to these Headquarters in regard to uniforms, shoulder-straps, and the military regulations of our Order. It is rather unfortunate that the action of the

Commandery-in-Chief was not more definite in

regard to these matters, and it becomes neces-

tions, which will be strictly enforced during him on their account. this administration . All commissioned officers should wear the regulation fatigue blouse of line officers of the elective and staff officers of the Commanderyin-Chief and the various Divisions of the Order,

The blouse for all other members of the Order, including non-commissioned officers, should be cut similar to that worn by private soldiers of the United States Army, and with the exposed regulation S. of V. buttons.

Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief are not allowed to wear shoulder straps or epaulettes, and their office shall be designated only by the yellow ribbon and regulation rank strap and cap mark described in the C., R. and R. The reason for this order is apparent. A Commander-in-Chief and a Senior and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, for example, do not wear such insignia of rank. The President of the United States is the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy; and I know of no authority granted in the C., R. and R. as amended to permit the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief to wear straps

of Congress. The C. R. and R. now provides that the Sons of Veterans shall be known as a "Military to June 27, 1890. 2. Yes. Order," and that each Division shall have power to establish and regulate its military

organizations. Until Division and National Encampments make some provision to the contrary epaulettes will not be worn at all, and shoulder-straps can only be used upon dispensation. Commanders of Divisions and the elective officers thereof will be allowed dispensations from these Headng satisfactory proof that they have a sufficient number of uniformed and equipped Camps

respective commands. Commissioned officers of Camps may obtain to wear shoulder-straps when their respective Camps are drilled, uniformed, and equipped so

as to form military companies. authority of their respective Division Commanders, and shall receive commissions for their officers from Division Headquarters. Battalions and regiments may be formed of the armed Camps, and battalion and regimental offi- authority to take oaths in pension eases? Answer. cers may receive recognition from the Division Commander. Such organizations shall not be general, and shall not extend across Division lines. This I take to be the only proper con- vouchers, but to no other class of pension papers. struction of the action of the Commandery-in-

The advent of the Winter season should witness a revival of interest and increase of membership in every Division of the Order. Highclass entertainments, Campfires, competitive drills, patriotic discussions, deeds of charity, and the prospect of an interesting and thrilling three-degree ritual, should make Camp work pleasant and profitable to the brothers. Make an especial effort to induce dropped and suspended members to again affiliate with the Camp before the new ritual takes effect, "Any | 90 days, or more, during the late war, and providdropped member may now be elected and re- ing she married him prior to June 27, 1890, and is obligated by any Camp, upon sending one year's back dues to the Camp from which he was dropped. Let us have more hustling and less grumbling; more zeal and less jealousy.

As the time for the annual election of Camp officers draws nigh, the Commander-in-Chief earnestly impresses upon the brothers the necessity of great caution in their selection. The success or failure of your Camp will deyour Captain; he is bound by a sacred obliga- and request a settlement tion, but he should appreciate what that means. He should be a man of honor, who commands the respect of the community. He should be Her father died Sept. 15, and she is poor, and well qualified, and should not only be willing, has no other support. Please give me your but should know how to do his work. The additional ritualistic services that will be required next year make it all the more necessary to have intelligent officers, who can muster recruits properly and impressively, and so they will appreciate the beautiful sentiments of the quired next year make it all the more necessary will appreciate the beautiful sentiments of the Order and enjoy the sessions of the Camp. All officers should conduct the business of the Order intrusted to them in a business-like way : been in the possession of the late Col. Kurtz | should be prompt in forwarding reports and in answering letters; should maintain reasonable discipline; should be diplomatic, but firm

in the discharge of duty. It is not always advisable to "pass around the honors," and experiments are often dangerous, One good sitting Captain is worth a dozen past Captains, who have lost interest and ceased to attend the meetings. Elect your best man, "We may forget the singer, but we can't of Indiana W.R.C., was held in Kokomo, em- family knows how it came into the possession | whether he has already filled the chair or not. It is imperatively necessary this year.

Since the last announcement charters for new Camps have been issued as follows: Camp, 15. Rogersville, Tenn., 16 mustered; 2, Santa Monica, Cal., 15; 41, Millstadt, Ill., 16; 43, Eizabeth, Ill., 30; 33, Marion, Ind., 15; 35, Zionville Ind., 25; 79, Batesville, Ind., 18; 286, Muscatine, Iowa, 19; 23, Keswick, Iowa, 16; 24, Perry. O. T., Kansas, 20; 27, Chapman, Kan., 16; 31, Mulhali, O. T., Kansas, 17; 128, Galena, Kan., 15; 95, Partridge, Kan., 15; 4, Greensburg, Ky., 23; 31. Island Falls, Me., 17; 84. Enfield, Mass., 17; 23, Dansville, Mich., 17; 107. Sedalia, Mo., 17: 18. Darlington, Mo., 15; 23, Vandalia, Mo., 17; 28, Plainfield, N. J., 42; 110, Clyde, N. Y., 15; 45, Fine, N. Y., 23; 47, Order No. 7-The New Ritual-Military | Cincinnati, O., 24; 17, New Straitsville, O., 41; 75, Cincinnati, O. (reorganization), 43; 56, Ligonier, Pa., 20; 164, Pittsburg, Pa., 15; 85, Royersford, Pa., 53; 20, Philadelphia, Pa., 18; 86, Rome, Pa., 33; 12, Hope, N. D., South Dakota, 7: 8, Burlington, Vt., 16; 4, Oxford, Wis., 19; 3, Augusta, Wis., 16; 11, Clendenin, W. Va., 20. Total number of Camps chartered, 37; total

number of recruits mustered, 758. By command of-WM. E. BUNDY, Official: Commander-in-Chief. H. V. SPEELMAN, Adjutant-General.

THE DIVISIONS.

We are looking forward with bright prospects to the time when we will come to the more than six months in arrears for reports | front with a Division that will be recognized by the Commandery-in-Chief and the different

Division Commander W. N. Evans recently issued to the Commanders of the various G.A.R. Posts in this Department a circular letter, Division Commanders are requested to urge stating the objects of our Order, and giving all necessary information in regard to the organercising particular pains to have all names | ization of Camps; also urging them to give the written plainly and spelled correctly. Com- matter their prompt attention. The effect of eligibility age and the new three-degree ritual, The resignation of Albert C. Blaisdell as Com- which will shortly go into effect, has brought

Joe Doniphan Camp, 9, Augusta, gave a the Commander of the Division of Massachu- Campfire and ball on the evenings of Sept. 19 setts, Oct. 17, 1894, and he will be respected and | and 20. It was the greatest social and financial success of the season. People from all parts of The copy of the new Three Degree Ritual northern Kentucky and southern Obio were is now in the hands of the printer, and in attendance. Division Commander W. N. will go into effect. Four copes of the will be sufficient to uniform the entire Camp, Installing Officers are required to collect and | been let to the Pettibone Company, of Cincin-

In accordance with an order from Gen. W. E. Bundy, Camps that were inspected last Spring need not be inspected again this year, unless they so desire with the view of increasing their last Spring's rating, in which case their Captains will at once notify Division Inspector Chas, Kenney, of Brocton, N. Y.; but all new Camps three months old, and all Camps that were not inspected last Spring, must be inspected before Nov. 30, 1894.

Since the issue of the last Division order.

new Camps have been mustered as follows: On Sept. 29, by Capt. Geo. H. Gleason, of Camp 16, Benj. R. Carr Camp. 45, at Fine, St. Lawrence County, with 23 charter members. Capt., D. D. Scott; First Lieut., Nelson Muir; Second Lieut., Webb Dart. On Oct. 15, by Randolph White, of Camp 163, Geo. Meade Camp, 41, Dobb's Ferry, with 20

charter members. Capt., S. E. Smith; First Lient., C. T. Hamptman; Second Lieut., H. Deesman. A man by the name of John Huftle, of Gouverneur, is traveling through the country and soliciting help from our Order. Camp 16 reports him as a suspended member of their Camp, and warns the Order against helping

OUR CORRESPONDENTS. [Correspondents should write each question or separate sheet of paper, give full name and address and mark it "Correspondents' Column." attention will be paid to communications not accompanied with name and address of writer. It is requested that a stamp be inclosed for reply by etter. Postal cards will be replied to by mail only. Replies by mail will ordinarily be made within a week, and if in this column within three

weeks. l

L. was a Mexican war pensioner, act of Jan. 29, 1887. He died Dec. 6, 1892. On Jan. 15, 1894, a cer-Dark-blue trousers, as heretofore, should be lificate was issued to his widow, under the same law. Widow received voucher on Feb. 3, 1894, with the certificate. Voucher was subject to execution on Feb. 5 (4th coming on Sunday). On the night of Feb. 3 the widow died. Minor child of herself and the soldier, 12 years old, applied by guardian for sum stated on the voucher, \$112, under Section 4718, Revised Statutes of the United States, act of March 1, 1889, and act of June 30, 1890. The Commissioner has not rejected the minor's claim for accrued pension, but says that "the question of paying such cases has been referred to Congress. Is this minor entitled to the \$112 stated on widow's voucher? Answer. No: not under present rulings.

J. B. R., Pierce, Ky.—Please Inform me, through your Correspondents' column, I. If soldier marries the second time, and he dies, is his widow entitled to pension? 2. If soldier dies and leaves no widow, are his children entitled to his pension if they are denoting such exalted rank as Grant even could | under 16 years of age? Answer. 1. Yes; if his death not attain until elevated after the war by act in the service. If death is not due to service, she would be entitled only in the event of being dependent and of having married the solifer prior

M. M., Odebolt, Iowa.-Will you please let me know, through your paper, if there is a law passed now, that if a man who has enlisted in the Regular Army for three years, he can now get out of it, after he has served out only two years? Answer. Yes; after serving one year, he can purchase his

discharge.
S. M., Brilliant, O.-A soldier in Ohio draws his pension from the agency at Columbus, and he moves to Florida. Could be be transferred to another agency and draw it there; and if he gets quarters to wear shoulder-straps upon furnish- knocked out in the meantime, would be have to come back to be examined in Ohio, or could be have an examination in Florida? 2. A soldier who was in the army did not draw a pension, but had a to meet the military requirements for their wife and no children. The wife is dead, and the soldier died also. The soldier has a mother living, 80 years old. Is the mother entitled to draw pendispensations from their Division Commanders | sion? Answer. 1. After living six months in a new agency district a pensioner can be transferred to the agency for such district. If a medical examination should be deemed necessary be could be ordered for examination in Florida. 2. If he All Camps are hereby required to forthwith | died leaving a widow, his mother would have no place their military organizations under direct | title to pension, even were the widow dead; if no widow survived the soldier, the mother would have title only in the event of being dependent, and in event of the soldier having died of a disability originating in line of duty in the service.

J. H. B., Little Rock, Ark .- Has any Postmaster

No, not unless he happens to be a Notary or a Jus-

tiee of the Peace. Fourth-class Postmasters are.

by virtue of an act of Congress, approved in July

last, authorized to administer oaths to pension

They cannot take acknowledgments in affidavite or in declarations for pension, as their authority is not coextensive with that of a Notary or Justice the Peace, but is limited to the execution of youch ers in an allowed pension claim. F. W. G., Springfield, Mass. - A pensioner commits suicide. Can his widow obtain a pension under any law? Please settle a dispute by answering in Correspondents' column. Answer. She would have Bureau conceding that his suicide was due to insanity of service origin; in general such a contention would not be accepted. She would be entitled under the act of June 27, 1890, providing the soldier was finally honorably discharged from a service of

nendent circumstances. S. E., St. James City, Fla.-I was examined for increase of pension on June 6, and have not heard from the Pension Burcau. How long will I have to wait, or what is needed to be done in this matter? I went with a comrade, and he has heard from the Pension Bureau, on the 20th day of August. His claim was rejected. Answer. We do not know why the settlement of your chim is delayed. There seems to be little uniformity of action on these cases; some are disposed of quite promptly, pend upon the conscience and competency of and some drag along for years. Why not write

Miss N. T., Doylestown, O .- Could a child over 16 years of age, providing she was crippled and unable to do any labor, draw her father's pension? advice on the subject. Answer. Not if over 16 years of age when the soldier died, P. G., Columbus, O., and others .- Under Raum I

Answer. It is because the system of rating new law invalid pensions has been so changed that a de-gree of disability that would, during Gen. Raum's administration, have been held to entitle you to \$6 under the act of June 27, 1890, is now considered insufficient to warrant a rating. There will be a change sometime.

W. H. H. W. Nelsonville, O.—Will the Pension Dspartment accept affidavit of soldier's wife as to

condition of helplessness requiring the frequent attendance of another person; to wit, the sordier's wife or family? Answer. It will be accepted for what it is worth, but other testimony corroborative of it will probably be required.

Catarrh indicates impure blood. To cure it, take Hood's Sarsaparilia. Try it the season.